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FROM ODC-BELLUX.

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TAGS: MARR, MPOL, BE
SUBJ: F-16 OPTIONAL AIRCRAFT

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM MINISTER OF
DEFENSE P. VANDEN BOEYNANTS, DATED 12 JUNE 78: "DEAR
MISTER SECRETARY, IT WAS PLANNED TO DISCUSS THE BELGIAN
F-16 OPTION ON FRIDAY THE 9TH OF JUNE DURING THE WEEKLY
EXECUTIVE MINISTERIAL SESSION (CONSEIL DES MINISTRES).

"UNFORTUNATELY THIS MINISTERIAL SESSION HAS NOT TAKEN
PLACE. THE PRIME MINISTER HAD TO CALL AN URGENT AND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO DEBATE THE
PROJECT OF LAWS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE OVERALL ECONOMICAL AND FINANCIAL SITUA-
TION OF THE COUNTRY.

"THE NEXT "CONSEIL DES MINISTRES" IS CALLED FOR THE
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NEXT FRIDAY 16TH OF JUNE. CONSEQUENTLY I AM SEEKING YOUR
AGREEMENT TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FOUR HOURS
PERIOD, THE TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH THE DECISION MUST BE
TAKEN.

"REMAINING CONFIDENT IN A POSITIVE OUTCOME I WOULD
HIGHLY APPRECIATE YOUR GOOD UNDERSTANDING IN HELPING ME

TO SOLVE THIS DELICATE MATTER. VERY SINCERELY YOURS,
(S) P. VANDEN BOEYNANTS."

2. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING MAILED 13 JUNE 78. GDS 31 DEC 83.
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